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**** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE:** This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late ARRL DX CW Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the ARRL DX CW Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 7th/February, through Friday, 14th/February there were 220 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TI9, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3V8, TUNISIA. Operator SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY) will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at:
<http://www.kf5eyy.info>

4UNR, AUSTRIA (Special Event). Members of the Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (ARCDXC, <http://www.cqdx.ru/4ula>) are active using the special callsign 4UNR during the month of February from the 4U1A station at the United Nations Vienna International Center. Activity is celebrating World Radio Day and will usually be on 80/40/20/15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL Manager is UA3DX (via the Bureau or direct). For more details, see:
<http://www.cqdx.ru/4ula/special-event/4unr-un-radio>
ADDED NOTE: Just a reminder that this counts for Austria for DXCC purposes.

5H, TANZANIA (Reminder/Other Update). Chas, NK80/VE3ISD, will once again be active as 5H3DX from Zinga, Tanzania, sometime between February 23rd and March 23rd. Activity will be from the pediatric hospital at Zinga. He will be joined by his brother-in-law, Fred, to enhance their station's operation. Fred, N8AX, will be issued the callsign, 5H3AX, if all goes according to plan. Usual operations will be holiday style. Power output will be the legal limit for Tanzania at 100w and the primary antenna

should be a Hexbeam configured for 40-6 meters, including the WARC bands and phased verticals for 40/30/20 meters. Operations will be primarily CW, with PSK31, FT8 and possibly SSB and 60m. He states that he will use a simple wire antenna and his KX3 with a KXPA100 amp. See QSL info on QRZ.com. Also, QSL via LoTW and eQSL. NO Bureau. Watch QRZ.com for updates.

60 METERS NEWS. W8GEX & 60m DX News reports the following: Amateurs in all French territories now have access to the new WRC-15 60m Secondary Allocation of 5351.5-5366.5 kHz at a maximum power of 15W EIRP following the publication in the French Official Journal of the order establishing it.

https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do;jsessionid=517BE924C82826153E8C43316191C330.tplgfr42s_2?

The French national amateur radio society, REF, advocates the use of the IARU 60m Bandplan. <https://www.r-e-f.org>

6W, SENEGAL (Update/Reminder). Willy, ON4AVT, will once again be active as 6W7/ON4AVT between February 16th and March 27th. His main activity will be on 60/40/20/10 meters using mostly FT8/FT4, with some CW and SSB, with a FT-891 with 100 watts into a HyEndFed antenna. QSL via the Bureau. For more details and updates, watch:

https://www.on4avt.be/trip_to_senegal.htm

6W, SENEGAL. Dani, EA4ATI, Dani, is once again active as 6W1/EA4ATI from Dakar until February 26th. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters using SSB with a FT-857D w/100 watt into a vertical antenna. QSL via EA4R or LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES (Satellite Op). Juan, A65GC/HK4SNU, will be active as 8Q7AR from Maldivian Islands (AS-013) between February 14-17th. Activity will be mainly FM Satellites from WW Loc. MJ64. The operation will be a joint effort between the Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados and the Maldivian Amateur Radio Club to teach local hams how to operate SATS and activate the grid on a permanent basis. QSL via ClubLog's QQRS, LoTW or eQSL.

8Q, MALDIVES. Noel, F6BGC, will be active as 8Q7NC from Veligandu Island, Rashdoo Atoll, in the Maldives Islands (WW Loc. MJ64MH, IOTA AS-013) between March 12-21st. Activity will be holiday style (Suitcase Expedition) on 80-10 meters (depending on conditions) with 100w and a vertical, using all modes CW, SSB, and the Digital modes. QSL via F6BGC, direct or LoTW. More information at: <https://www.qrz.com/db/8Q7NC>

9J2LA ZAMBIA DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release, dated February 8th). [edited]

Some good news have to be shared today. After an endless long process to get our Zambian license we are finally there. A big thanks to Mario/9J2MYT (IK1MYT) and Brian/9J2BO in Lusaka who helped us achieving this important goal. The license has been received just before the weekend. We are concentrating on our "boy scout trip" now. Our QTH in Zambia is secured, bus transportation from Lusaka airport to the lodge is booked and flight tickets are purchased. We are still working on customs clearance details, but we hope that we have it sorted out soon. We will leave Oslo the 4th of March at 18:45 with a scheduled arrival at Lusaka airport the day after at 12:30 local time. Let's hope that the customs clearance will go smooth and don't make too much of a headache ... however, you never know. The bus ride to the QTH is short of 2 hours, depending on traffic.

Furthermore there is an ongoing power shedding through the whole country right now as it has been over the last few months. The reason is that the country has some issues with one of the main power electricity generators. According to our last conversation with the lodge owner, they suffer 4 hours of power cut each evening. For this reason, we are also in the process of purchasing a portable electricity generator as a backup. The rainy season that comes late this year, has been rather dry as well.

Stay tuned for more updates coming up soon!

73 de Rune LA7THA

9J2LA Team Leader

EDITOR'S NOTES: The 9J2LA team is planning to be active from Zambia between March 5-15th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. The update suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5*, 3524, 7024, 10124, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894 and 28024

SSB - 7082, 14185, 18140, 21295, 24955 and 28495

RTTY - 7045, 10142, 14082, 18096, 21082, 24912 and 28082

FT8 - 1844/1908**, 3590, 7060, 10140, 14086, 18104, 21095, 24918 and 28095

6m - 50104/CW and 50313/FT8

(*) 160m: 1826.5 kHz lsn dwn for JA, up for EU, NA and other continents.

(**) 160m: FT8, QSO 1908 for JA

9J2LA TEAM plans to use FT8 as the primary data mode. They will use FT8 DXpedition mode, operating as the Fox. If you hear them on the normal FT8 frequencies, they will not be using DXpedition mode and only work one station at the time. If the number of callers is high, they will announce a QSY to their DXpedition frequencies.

QSOs will be uploaded to ClubLog if internet access is available. QSL via M00XO QSL service. The 9J2LA Web page is available at: <https://9j2la.com> Facebook and Twitter will be used for "Breaking News" the weeks before departure and during the Expedition. The media Web pages are:

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/9j2la>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/9J2LA>

AH2, GUAM. Operators Toshinobu/JI3ERV/NH2C and Mikawa/JR7OMD will be active as AH2R during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW.

ARRL GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION/HAMFEST. The Great Lakes Division Convention will be held in conjunction with the Toledo Mobile Radio Association's annual hamfest in Perrysburg, OH, on March 14th and 15th. ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, will be there to meet members and give keynote address. Another special attendee is Bob Heil, K9EID, of Heil Sound who will also be a guest speaker. Check the following Web pages for the full details at: <http://www.toledoglc.org>

C6A & YS, BAHAMAS AND EL SALVADOR (Reminder/Update Change). Gerhard, OE3GEA, will be active as C6AGE (possibly from Nassau) between February 20-23rd (not 20-25th) and as YS/OE3GEA from El Salvador between February 26-28th. He informed OPDX, "Had to change dates a little in order to meet several friends on my Route, as this is a trip to see friends, of course in combination with some radio activity...hi; so I am looking forward to a numbers of nice CW contacts." Activity will be on CW and on 40-10 meters using a TS-480SAT with 100 watts into an Outbacker and dipole. QSL via OE3GEA, by the Bureau or direct. Logs will not be uploaded to LoTW or ClubLog.

CN, MOROCCO. A group of several operators will be active as CN4M from Casablanca between February 22-23rd. No other details were provided. QSL via RW6HS.

CN, MOROCCO. Guy, F8ALU, is once again active as CN2BG until early March. Look for him on SSB generally on 14115 or 14130 kHz. QSL via his home callsign.

FJ, ST. BARTHEMEY (Reminder/Update). Operators Pat/N2IEN, Lee/WW2DX, Rock/ WW1X and Ray/W2RE will be active as FJ/N2IEN, FJ/WW2DX, FJ/WW1X and FJ/W2RE, respectively, from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) between February 15-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on various HF (160-6m)/VHF/UHF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, EME and satellites. QSL via their home call-signs. The group will also be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) [possibly as FJ/N2IEN].

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY. Operators Thierry/F6CUK and Gerard/F6EHJ will be active as FJ/F6CUK and FJ/F6EHJ, respectively, from the QTH of FJ5AB, between May 4-16th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. The duo and FJ5AB are planning to operate from Tintamarre Island (NA-199), St. Martin, sometime during their stay using a special call-sign. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

GERMAN NORTH POLE DXPEDITION. Operators Martina/DF3TS and Thomas/DC8TM will activate Svalbard as JW/homecalls to start their DXpedition between April 10-13th. They will then be active from a Russian "Severnyi Polyus" the Scientific Polar Drifting Base (enclave by RFF) approx. 80kms from the North Pole on the Arctic Ocean where they will activate the WFFF area RFF-0176. Operators will use their special callsigns DP0LE (like POLE) and as RA/DC8TM/P and RA/DF3TS/P to represent the Russian flag of the camp between April 14-17th. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17 meters using SSB and FT8. Activity from the North Pole (90 Degrees North) - under DP0LE and DC8TM/P together with Martina DF3TS/P will take place sometime during this time (The exact schedule will depend very much on weather conditions) on 20 meters [14244 kHz (+/-)]. !! Activity is limited to approx. 30 minutes!! For more details and updates, watch:

<https://www.qrz.com/db/DC8TM>

HQ/HR, HONDURAS. Dennis, W1UE, will once again be active as HQ9X during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band entry. QSL HQ9X via KQ1F or W1UE. Dennis will be active outside of the contest (as time allows) signing homecall/HR9, and will be there

until February 28th. QSL via his home callsign.

IOTA NEWS.....

EU-123. Gordon, MM0GOR, will once again be active as MM1E from Great Cumbrae Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Bands/SSB-Mode/DXpedition/High-Power entry. QSL via MM1E, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

NA-040. Henry, NL0H, is once again active as NL0H/P from St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. His length of stay was not provided. Activity is limited to his spare time on 80/40/30/20 meters using mainly FT8, possibly some SSB. QSL only direct to his QRZ.com address (see details). NO Bureau.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

LATIN AMERICAN LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND. This weekend (February 15-16th) is the Latin American Lighthouse weekend. Some of the lighthouses may also be activated on some IOTA islands. For a comprehensive list, see:
<http://www.grupodxb.com.ar/FAROS2018/faros2020.html>

LX20, LUXEMBOURG. Operators Rene/DL2JRM, Dan/DL5SE and Holger/DL5KUT will be active as LX20I from Eschdorf (WW Loc. JN29XV) during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Multi-Op entry. The special callsign is for the 20th anniversary of the LX7I contest station. QSL via LX2A. In celebration, they will issue a special LX20I Award for those who work them on many Band/Mode slots in 2020. For more details, see:
<http://lx7i.com/lx20i>

NP4, PUERTO RICO (NA-099). Operators Van/N5TOO and Alexis/W4XO will be active as NP4DX in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Multi-Single entry. Activity will also count for the WLOTA as LH-2802. Operations outside of the contest will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW and 100 watts. QSL via W3HNN, direct preferred.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

P4, ARUBA. John, KK9A, will once again be active as P40A from Aruba (SA-036) between March 1-8th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. Operations will include activity in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th). QSL via WD9DZV direct.

PACIFIC TOUR (Update/Reminder). Operators Will/AA4NC and Ron/AA4VK will be active from 8 different islands during this year. Their updated schedule is as follows:

French Polynesia -- As TX4N and TX4VK between now and February 17th.
Look for Will to be active during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op-Low-Power entry signing TX4N.

New Zealand ----- As ZL/AA4NC and ZL/AA4VK between February 18-20th

Norfolk Island ---- As VK9NR and VK9NN between February 21-24th

Australia ----- As VK/AA4NC and VK/AA4VK between February 24-27th

Papua New Guinea -- As P29NC and P29VK; between February 28th & March 1st

Solomon Islands --- As H44NC and H44VK between March 1-3rd

Vanuatu ----- As YJ0NC and YJ0VK between March 3-6th

Fiji ----- As 3D2AA and 3D2VK (callsign tentative); Look for Will to be active as 3D2AA during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op-Low-Power entry.

Activity on most islands will be holiday style on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8/FT4, with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL routes have been changed. QSL all callsigns via EA5GL.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 18-24th).....

Feb/18th AN	Feb/21st AN	Feb/23rd AN
Feb/19th AN	Feb/22nd AN	Feb/24th AN
Feb/20th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN	- Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN	- High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN	- Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN	- Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS	- Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VR	- Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
<http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment:
<https://www.spaceweather.com>
- * Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: <http://arrl.org/propagation>
- * Information and tutorials on propagation are at: <http://k9la.us>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * Point to point propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html>
- * Realtime propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk>
- * Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Giellaw4hm>

PQ0, ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ROCKS (Now on Hold). Last week it was reported that some operators were planning be active as PQ0S from Saint Peter and Saint Paul Rocks (SA-014, DIB OC-03) sometime in March (possibly 14-16th). It has now been reported that a larger team is planning to activate Saint Peter and Saint Paul Rocks (details and dates are unknown), and now the PQ0S team has decided to take "a standby and let the others progress."

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Stephano, PT2IC, member of the Noronha Contest Group (NCG), will be active as PY0F from Fernando de Noronha Island (SA-003) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via PY7RP. For more info about the station, see: <https://py0f.wordpress.com>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: BG2AUE, FG/F5HRY, J68HZ, OP2A and SQ2OFS

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3A/OJ0Y, 5N7Q, D2EB, D68CCC, TK0C, YL3FT, YW5F (SA-058) and ZK3A

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3D2VR, 4J6R, 4K6OF, 4S7NHG, 4W/OZ1AA, 5W0GC, 5W0VR, 6V1IS (AF-045), 9H3FN, 9Y4/LY2IJ, A35JY, C21EU, D3YL, ES0KA (EU-034), GB5SM (EU-011), HB0/DJ2AX, JW/DJ2AX, KP4SX, OH0BT, OH0NOA, OH8AA (EU-192), OJ0BH, OJ0DX, OV3X (EU-029), OY/DL2VU, PJ4Y, SF2CW (EU-192), TC3A, TK/HB9FND and UK8AR

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) to send in their info....

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI (Update/Change). Alex, 5B4ALX, will be active as T30ET from Tarawa Atoll (OC-017) between March 18th and April 7th (not April 2nd). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8/FT4 and RTTY. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.5b4alx.cloud/t30et-tarawa-atoll-2020>

T8, PALAU. Ichiro, JH7IPR, will once again be active as T88UW from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009), between October 7-15th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (FSK, JT65, JT9 and FT8). QSL T88UW via JH7IPR, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL, LoTW or ClubLog.

TU, CÔTE D'IVOIRE (Reminder/Update). Operators Petr/OK1BOA, Petr/OK1FCJ, and David/OK6DJ will be active as TU5PCT from the Radio Club ADRASEC RCI in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), between February 24-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <https://www.cdxp.cz>

V2, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA. Alan, N3AD, will once again be active as V26M from Antigua until February 17th. Look for him to be in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Alan will return in March to be in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL both operations via W3HNK.

V3, BELIZE. Operators Robert/K5PI (V31AT), John/WCOW (V31TP), Karl/AD0KH, Nancie/NM0C, Leigh/WC0T, Steve/WW0G and Keith/VE7KW will compete in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry from San Ignacio, Belize. They will use V3T for the contest callsign. QSL V3T and V31TP via WCOW or LoTW (no ClubLog). Look for operations before and after the contest by the operators. They will mostly focus on CW and on the 30/17/12 meter bands. QSL V31AT via K5PI, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. Randy, K5ZD, will be active as V47T from the QTH of V47KP on St. Kitts (NA-104) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W2RQ direct or LoTW.

V8, BRUNEI. Hajime, JO1RUR, will once again be active as V85RH from Brunei. The length of his stay is not known. Activity will be during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LoTW only.

V84, BRUNEI (Special Event). Look for special event station V84SHK to be active between February 23rd and March 2nd. Activity is to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Brunei Darussalam National Day in the year 2020. Operations will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via: P.O.BOX 849, MPC OLD AIRPORT, BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN BB 3577, BRUNEI. See QRZ.com for more details.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. Ed, K1EP, is now active as VP2MEP from Montserrat (NA-103) until February 17th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign. ADDED NOTE: Ed is there to join the VP2MSS team for the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL VP2MSS via LoTW only.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. Charles, K1XX, will once again be active as VP2MMF from Gingerbread Hill, Montserrat (NA-103), during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via KU9C or LoTW.

VP8PJ SOUTH ORKNEY DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). Gene, K5GS, reports on Tuesday, February 11th and 12th [edited]: "Most of team arrived in Punta Arenas, Chile, with the longest travel time being 40 hours, Perth, Australia => Sydney => Auckland => Santiago, Chile => Punta Arenas. Remainder of the team due in on Weds. Braveheart expected in on Feb 13th or 14th, we load the ship on the 14th and depart for Signy Island on Feb 15th. Depending on the weather, 6 days travel time to the island..... We have selected the callsign ZL1NA/MM for use during the transit between Punta Arenas -> Signy Island -> Punta Arenas. QSL Manager: Tim Beaumont, MOUWX.com. Please, do not send Bureau cards, use the QORS for free Bureau cards. (<https://sorkney.com/qs1/>) The donation process for VP8PJ will also count as a ZL1NA/MM donation. However, there is no internet on the ship, log and LoTW uploads will be done at a later date..... Nigel Jolly arrived Punta Arenas late last night / early morning. He contacted our freight agent and arranged to load the ship on Friday morning. Still on schedule to leave for Signy on Saturday." Then on the 13th, Gene reported on the following updates:

"The entire team has now arrived in Punta Arenas. We are planning our departure for Saturday, exact time to be determined. We'll have immigration and customs formalities and ship clearance, we'll put out a bulletin at departure time."

"Braveheart arrived Punta Arenas on Thursday morning. She'll be assigned a dock on Friday morning, take on fuel, supplies and generator petrol. Customs, Immigration and health inspections will follow.

DX-pedition equipment will be loaded on Friday afternoon.

DX-pedition team will board the ship Saturday morning.

We plan to leave Punta Arenas 3PM - 4PM on Saturday."

Last minute update from K5GS before going to print on February 14th:

"This morning's schedule was reversed due to late arriving fuel trucks. We loaded the team's equipment first and will take on fuel this afternoon. Everything looks to be in good order and the crew is busily stowing the equipment in a particular sequence so we can reverse the process and offload in a priority sequence. The weather is cool, with some periods of rain. We had coffee with Skipper Matt and owner Nigel, then outside to watch the loading process. We're on schedule for Saturday afternoon departure."

EDITOR NOTES: VP8PJ will be active from the South Orkney Islands (AN-008) from approximately February 21st, through March 5th. South Orkney Island is currently #16 most wanted on Clublog. QSL via M0URX, direct or QORS (direct and Bureau). LoTW will be uploaded 6 months after DX-pedition.

The following are media pages to watch:

The VP8PJ Web page is at: <https://sorkney.com>

The VP8PJ Twitter page is at: <https://twitter.com/SouthOrkneyDX>

The VP8PJ Groups.io group is at: <https://groups.io/g/VP8PJ>

VP9, BERMUDA. Kurt, W6PH, will once again be active as VP9/W6PH for the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/Low-Power entry. Activity outside of the contest will only be on CW on all bands (except WARC) with 100 watts (IC7000) and low antennas (25 feet). QSL only direct to his home callsign W6PH.

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS. A VU Team (8 operators) will be active as VU4R from Neil Island in the Andaman Islands group (AS-001) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) as a Multi-Op entry. Before and after the contest, the team, which will be there between March 20-31st, will focus on 160/80/40 meters on various modes. QSL via VU2RS, direct or LoTW. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

YASME NEWS (Press Release, date February 14th) [edited]. YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS -- The Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation announces that it has made the following grants at its board meeting in Orlando, Florida on February 9, 2020:

- * Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society (ET3AA) for VHF equipment.
- * Support to the SU8WRC/SU8X demonstration station at the World Radio Conference in Egypt.
- * YOTA (Youth On The Air) and HamSCI displays at Dayton Hamvention 2020.
- * Contest University at Dayton Hamvention 2020 - support of audio/visual equipment, student materials (handouts and books), and live internet streaming connections.
- * Hrvatski Radioamaterski Savez, HRS (Croatian Amateur Radio Association) to support YOTA (Youth On The Air) 2020 Region 1 conference.

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The Yasme Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an individually-engraved crystal globe.

The Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce the latest recipients of the Yasme Excellence Award:

James Sarté, K2QI and Adrian Ciuperca, K08SCA -- For their efforts in combining the latest state of the art technology, diplomatic skills, persistence, and leadership. Additional help with gathering equipment and logistical support was provided by RA9USU, NT2Y, NT2X, K2LE, and N2UN (SK) culminating in reactivation of the United Nations Club Station 4U1UN.

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YS, EL SALVADOR. Roberto, YS1RS, from San Salvador, will be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via EB7DX.

ZZ2, BRAZIL (Special Event). During February, look for special event station ZZ2DC to be active. Station is commemorating the 44th anniversary of the Civil Defense of the State of São Paulo. They will be operating on several frequencies, including TG 724193 in DMR, Brandmeister network. Also, look for them to be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/High-Power entry. A commemorative QSL

will be available. QSL via PY2CGE.

The following stations are expected to be active in the
ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 15-16th, 2020)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following
consolidated listing of the participants in the 2020 ARRL DX CW Contest.
For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML
format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2020.html> (By callsign)

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxcd2020.html> (By entity)

For the complete set of rules, see: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	Class	QSL Route
3V8SS	Tunisia	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
5H4WZ	Tanzania	M/?	OM3PA
8P5A	Barbados	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via HALAG
AH2R	Guam	M/2	LoTW
CR3EE	Madeira	SOAB LP	OZ2I
DU6/N6SS	Philippines	SOSB 80M	LoTW
FS/RW0CN	St. Martin	SO	LoTW; QSL via (C; preferred) or VE7ACN (B/d)
HH2AA	Haiti	SOAB LP	LoTW
HQ9X	Honduras	SOAB	KQ1F
J8/WJ2O	St. Vincent	SOAB HP	N2ZN
JW7QIA	Svalbard	SO	LA7QIA (d)
KP2/ND3F	U.S. Virgin Islands	SOAB LP	EA5GL
KH6/N6DA	Hawaii	M/M	LoTW
KP3DX	Puerto Rico	SO HP	N4AO
LN8W	Norway	M/M	LA9VDA
LX2OI	Luxembourg	M/?	LX2A
LY4A	Lithuania	M/2	(C)
NP2P	U.S. Virgin Islands	SO	LoTW
NP4DX	Puerto Rico	M/S	W3HNC
P40SW	Aruba	SOAB HP	LoTW (d/NB)
P44W	Aruba	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via N2MM; (NB)
PJ4A	Bonaire	M/2	K4BAI
PJ5/KG9N	Saba & St Eustatius	SO	LoTW
PY0FF	Fernando de Noronha	SO	LoTW
TI7W	Costa Rica	M/?	LoTW; QSL via W4FS
TO4A	Martinique	SOAP HP	VE3DZ
TX4N	French Polynesia	SO LP	EA5GL
V26M	Antigua & Barbuda	SOA	W3HNC
V3	Belize	SOSB	LoTW
V31CO	Belize	SO QRP	LoTW
V3O	Belize	SO	DL8UD; QSL via (C)
V3T	Belize	M/S	WC0W
V4/K3VX	St. Kitts & Nevis	M/S	K3VX
V47UM	St. Kitts & Nevis	SO	
V47T	St. Kitts & Nevis	SOAB HP	W2RQ
V85RH	Brunei	SO	LoTW
VE3VSM/HR9	Honduras	SO	LoTW; QSL via VE3VSM
VP2MSS	Montserrat	M/S	LoTW
VP5K	Turks & Caicos	M/S	LoTW; QSL via K0PC & (C)
VP9/W6PH	Bermuda	SOSB 10M	LoTW
YB2DX	Indonesia	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via YB2DX (d)
YS1RS	El Salvador	SO	EB7DX
ZF1A	Cayman Islands	M/S	LoTW; QSL via K6AM (B/d)
ZF5T	Cayman Islands	M/?	LoTW; QSL via K5GO (d)
ZL3X	New Zealand	M/2	LoTW
ZP5AA	Paraguay	M/?	ZP5AZL (d)
ZP9MCE	Paraguay	SO	LoTW

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